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SUBJECT: Request for Evaluation of Portions of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for Incorporation Into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Formerly Used Defense Sites Program (EM-ER-03-007)

Dear Mr. Maas:

Portions of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), managed by the Department of Energy (DOE), were formerly used for DOD activities and now contain various items of unexploded ordnance (UXO). It is my understanding that the Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for cleaning up properties that were formerly owned, leased, possessed, or operated by DOD, and that the Army is the executive agent for the program with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) serving as the organization that manages and executes the program.

The purpose of this letter to request that your agency evaluate the enclosed documents and advise me:

- (1) Whether the ordnance-containing portions of the INEEL meet the criteria for inclusion in the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program.
- (2) Whether the ordnance-containing portions of the INEEL meet the eligibility requirements to receive ordnance removal funding under the FUDS program.
- (3) During which fiscal years, if the inclusion and eligibility criteria are satisfied, would the USACE forecast that such an ordnance-removal activity might take place.

It would be especially helpful to DOE if you could provide to me, on or before Friday, March 14, 2003, USACE's responses to these three topics.

Five documents, itemized in Enclosure 1, are enclosed to assist your review and determination: If you have any questions concerning this request, please call either Glenn Nelson at (208) 526-0077 or me at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen E. Hain".

Kathleen Hain, Lead
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Enclosures

cc: W. Pierre, EPA, Region 10, (M/S ECL-113)
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Enclosure 1

- Enclosure 2 - "Interim Ordnance Cleanup Program, Record Search Report (Document Number 21-ICP-02, Revision 2)," Wyle Laboratories, Scientific Services and Systems Group, April 30, 1993
- Enclosure 3 - "Draft, Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites, Ordnance and Explosives, Archives Search Report, Findings for the Former Naval Proving Ground, Arco, Idaho, Project Number F10ID070101," USACE Rock Island District, May 1996
- Enclosure 4 - "Draft, Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites, Ordnance and Explosives, Archives Search Report, Conclusions and Recommendations for the Former Naval Proving Ground, Arco, Idaho, Project Number F10ID070101," USACE Rock Island District, May 1996
- Enclosure 5 - "Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare; The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10; The United States Department of Energy, Idaho Field Office, December 9, 1991
- Enclosure 6 - "Record of Decision, Experimental Breeder Reactor-I/Boiling Water Reactor Experiment Area and Miscellaneous Sites, Operable Units 6-05 and 10-04, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Idaho Falls, Idaho," The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Quality; The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10; The United States Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, November 9, 2002